The opinion in support of the decision being entered today was <u>not</u> written for publication and is <u>not</u> binding precedent of the Board.

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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte ULRICH STACHE, HANS-GEORG ALPERMANN, WALTER DURCKHEIMER and MANFRED BOHN

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Appeal No. 2001-1256 Application 08/897,455

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ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

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Before STONER, <u>Chief Administrative Patent Judge</u>, HARKCOM, <u>Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge</u>, and WILLIAM F. SMITH, <u>Administrative Patent Judge</u>.

Per Curiam.

On April 5, 1999, applicants filed a Notice of Appeal (Paper No. 26). On May 31, 2001, applicants filed a communication requesting abandonment of the present application in favor of a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) of the present application (Paper No. 33).

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the appeal filed April 5, 1999 (Paper No. 26) is <u>dismissed</u>.

The appeal is being returned to the examiner for further action as may be appropriate.

DISMISSED

PROCE H. STONER, JR., Chief Administrative Patent Judge

GARY V. HARKCOM, Vice Chief

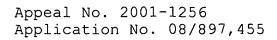
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